

The Town of Bolton Board of Selectmen, hereinafter the "BOS" held its regular meeting on March 10, 2015 at the Bolton Town Hall with First Selectman Robert Morra presiding. Also in attendance were: Selectmen Robert Neil, Robert Lessard, Sandra Pierog and Gwen Marrion. Also present were: Inland Wetlands Representative Ross Lally (arrived at 7:05 P.M.) and Richard Treat (arrived at 7:22 P.M.) and Administrative Officer Joyce Stille.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Morra called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. January 20, 2015 Budget Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

B. February 5, 2015 Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Marrion, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the aforementioned minutes with the following addition:

6.D. "...and the Budget Referendum scheduled for May 12th at Bolton Town Hall with the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M."

Motion unanimously passed.

C. February 10, 2015 Budget Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

D. February 11, 2015 Retreat

A motion was made by Ms. Marrion, seconded by Ms. Pierog to approve the aforementioned minutes with the following addition:

The title of the second column of the chart shall be changed to Proposed Originally February 2014.

Motion unanimously passed.

E. February 18, 2015 Retreat

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Ms. Pierog to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

F. February 25, 2015 Budget Workshop

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the aforementioned minutes as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Stille shared with the board letters received regarding modifications of the towers at 49 South Road and 12 Carpenter Road.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business

A. Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path and Path Extension

Mr. Morra shared that the trails group had met with the BSC Group to review comments received from residents.

Ms. Marrison reported that BSC is currently researching options for consideration by DOT to reduce the need of a crash worthy barrier along the path. The precedent set by CT DOT is that any path that is less than 5 feet would require the barrier. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) suggest a barrier, but it is not required. BSC will be discussing options with DOT to reduce the size of the crash barrier and make it more appealing to the residents in the area.

Mr. Lessard reported that the written comments received from residents along Route 44 had a majority opinion of not wanting the trail in front of their residence.

B. Lower Bolton Lake Status Report

Mr. Morra reported that the Public Informational meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 1st at Town Hall. Mr. Knoecklein will be sharing the results of testing over the winter months.

C. FY15 Budget Report

The board reviewed the month end summary for February 2015. The budget is currently 57.21% expensed.

D. FY16 Budget

The board reviewed the approved Board of Finance Budget Calendar. Most meetings will be taking place at Town Hall with the exception of the March 24th meeting and the Public Hearing on the Budget.

Additionally, the board reviewed the 2014 Grand List provided by the Assessor's Office. There is an overall increase of 0.46% from the previous year. The Grand List calculates Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle.

E. Consider and Act on Historic Documents Preservation Grant

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Ms. Pierog to adopt the following resolution for the FY16 Historic Documents Preservation Program:

RESOLVED: That Joyce M. Stille, Bolton Town Administrative Officer, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Motion unanimously passed.

F. Consider and Act on Inland Wetlands Commission Fee Schedule

Inland Wetlands Commission Member Ross Lally was present to address any questions the selectmen may have. Ms. Stille did explain that the Board of Selectmen approves the fee

schedule. Then the Inland Wetlands Commission would adopt the Fee Schedule as an appendix to the regulations. This would require a Public Hearing set by the Inland Wetlands Commission. The group reviewed the Fee Schedule as presented and suggested modifications to each area.

A motion was made by Ms. Marrion, seconded by Ms. Pierog to approve the Fee Schedule with the following amendments:

- In Schedule 1, move “Commercial/Industrial Development/Mixed Use” to the section “Residential Improvement/ Addition”, therefore reducing the application fee to \$120 from \$370.
- In Schedule 2, remove the Non-Profit Organization 501(c)(3) Fee of \$95
- In Schedule 3, remove the site walk fee of \$100; and change the Public Hearing fee from \$175 to \$150; in the Notes Section #2 revise to “...shall require additional fee of \$150”
- In Schedule 4, remove the Notice of Violation fee of \$50; and Remove the Compliance Site Walk Fee of \$200; change the After-the-fact Application “Fee” to “Penalty”

Motion unanimously passed.

G. Consider and Act on Projects for Bonding

Mr. Morra reported that per the Charter the Temporary Public Building Commission (TPBC) has to review and make a recommendation to the selectmen prior to the selectmen taking action on them. The TPBC will meet on March 16th to review the projects for bonding. Mr. Morra proposed that a Public Informational Meeting be held on March 30th to encourage feedback from residents.

A motion was made by Ms. Marrion, seconded by Mr. Neil to set the Public Informational Meeting Regarding Bond Projects for March 30, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall. Motion unanimously passed.

The group discussed various ways to advertise the meeting as well as information to be shared. The group discussed \$100,000 allotted for the Pistrutto House. \$50,000 of the total is estimated for a cistern/water source. The group agreed to leave the numbers as is until feedback is received at the March 30th meeting. A detailed list will be provided for each project. The group discussed potential questions that may come up at the Public Informational Meeting.

H. Consider and Act on Budget Transfer and/or Appropriation Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the Town Building Operations Budget transfers as follows:

\$3,000 from the Other Contracts Line Item to Overtime Line Item

\$3,000 from the Heating Fuel Line Item to Overtime Line Item

\$3,000 from Other Payroll Line Item to Overtime Line Item

The transfers requested are due to the number of snow storms this year, requiring more funds for overtime.

Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to approve the Highway Budget Transfers as follows:

\$15,000 from the Road Repairs Line Item to the Overtime Line Item

The transfer requested is due to the number of snow storms this year, requiring more funds for overtime.

\$23,000 from the Road Repairs Line Item to the Sand & Salt Line Item

The transfer is requested for more funds needed to purchase sand and salt.

Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard to approve the Debt Budget Transfers as follows:

\$8,999 from the Bond and Note Expense Budget/Bond and Note Expense Category to the Redemption of Bonds LTD Budget/BHS BOND II Category

\$26,001 from the Bond and Note Expense Budget/Bond and Note Expense Category to the Interest LTD Budget/BHS Bond I Category

The transfer is requested due to fewer Columbia students than projected.

Motion unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard, seconded by Mr. Neil to submit a Budget Appropriation Request to the Board of Finance in the amount of \$23,000 for the Debt-Interest Long Term Debt in the BHS Bond I category due to fewer Columbia students than projected.

Motion unanimously passed.

A Town Meeting will be required for final approval of the Budget Appropriation Request. It is expected to be part of the Annual Town Meeting.

7. Ongoing Business

A. Subcommittee Reports

The board reviewed the minutes of the Facilities and Public Safety Subcommittee. By consensus, the board agreed to make the following amendment:

1. Town Hall/Pistritto - cistern/pond

B. Bolton Lakes Sewer Project

Mr. Morra reported construction is currently on hold over the winter. He reported that the Bioxide Station has been filled to help control odor issues. The station will be monitored and filled as necessary.

C. Properties and Facilities

Nothing to update.

D. Revenue Sources

Nothing new to report.

8. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Morra reported he attended a meeting with the State Police to review services provided to Resident State Trooper communities. Mr. Morra reviewed statistics regarding types of calls that are received from Bolton.

A. 2+2+2 Committee Meeting

The group reviewed minutes of the February 11th meeting. Issues discussed included budget, shared services and bond projects. The next meeting will take place on March 23rd.

B. Joint Commission Meeting

Mr. Morra shared with the board that the Joint Commission Meeting did take place and the majority of the groups agreed meeting approximately once every four months would be appropriate.

Mr. Morra extended his gratitude to the Highway and Buildings and Grounds Crews for the outstanding work during the winter.

9. Administrative Officer's Report

Expressway Properties

Ms. Stille shared a Draft Preliminary Open Space Definition regarding the Route 6 Land Transfer. Bolton related updates include that Bolton Notch Properties involve CRCOG requesting right-of-way properties in the Bolton Notch area not be transferred. DOT believes all the properties should be transferred; however language can be included in the deed indicating that CTDOT could take them back for transportation purposes.

10. Appointments

None.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Neil, seconded by Mr. Lessard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Bolduk

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.